

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

OLIVER et al.

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For: **REGULATED EXPRESSION OF PKC AND/OR SRB1/PSA1 IN YEAST**

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January 2, 2003

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002, in the above matter, the period for response having been extended up to January 1, 2003, by submission of the required petition and fee herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

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1. (Amended) A yeast cell containing the *SRB1/PSA1* gene and the *PKC1* gene or functional derivatives thereof each operatively linked to a heterologous inducible promoter.